Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, John Moisan has been employed by the state of South Dakota for 35 years, starting with the Office of Public Safety and finishing with the Bureau of Administration as the South Dakota Special Projects Director, where he displayed leadership skills of the highest caliber, and now plans to retire on May 8, 2009; and,

Whereas, John coordinated the 10-year restoration of the Capitol, restoring it to its original beauty in time for the State's Centennial Celebration in 1989, and in 2008, John coordinated the Centennial laying of the Capitol cornerstone; and,

Whereas, John's dedication to and reverence for the veterans of South Dakota were evident during his leadership on the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War memorial celebrations, and earned him the respect and admiration of veterans and their families as well as everyone who attended or worked on these events; and,

Whereas, John has become known as a fashion icon among state government employees for his creative spin on "casual wear" and his ability to make "Casual Friday" rules apply on a daily basis; and,

Whereas, John's friends and co-workers will miss his phone conversations, which often began with the greeting of "Joe's Bar and Grill", and his entertaining and informative emails featuring the extensive use of capital letters and 24-point type for extra "EMPHASIS"; and,

Whereas, John has coordinated the weekly Facility Planning Team meetings for many years, and offices panic when they see him approach their area with a measuring tape; and,

Whereas, John has become an expert in all things office related, from cube color warm brown #2, to box-box-file, to Wild Creek colored carpet, and similar office expertise has lead him to become the inventor and patent holder of fire safety equipment; and,

Whereas, John's duties have varied over the years, ranging from selector of artwork for the Residence and state buildings to coordinator of bat/pest control, and he has become a master fundraiser and event coordinator by the marketing of ideas, creating passion, and instilling a sense of "anything can be done" among his co-workers; and,

Whereas, John will be missed by many who depended on him to achieve the impossible, and it is fitting and proper as governor to recognize the contributions he has made to the state of South Dakota as his colleagues, friends, and family gather on May 9, 2009, to celebrate this milestone in John's life:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 8, 2009, as

JOHN MOISAN DAY

in South Dakota, and join others in wishing him a healthy and enjoyable retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State